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**Next Two Meetings: Sept 21 at 12 noon, Two Bit Cafe, 25th street
Oct. 19 at 12 noon, Two Bit Cafe, 25th street**

Meeting Notes for August 17, 2019

Meeting held at the Two Bit Cafe, 5 members present.

Financial Report: Balance of 10,055.37. If we purchase officer's insurance for another year it will cost \$750. Also a State grant for \$5,000 that was supposed to be used to repair the doorway in the Union Station Trainman's shop but since that is no longer needed, it is earmarked for roof repair at the Brigham City Depot Museum. We also have \$1,000 that was donated for a video documentary.

Spotlight King Collection: We have agreed to deposit the celebrity photo collection at the Weber State University Special Collections. However Lee Witten needs documentation

from the previous possessors of this collection in order to make the transfer.

The Ogden Mayoral primary has concluded. Incumbent Caldwell and Angel Castillo are the winners and will vie for the office in the general election. Our group is hoping that whoever wins will be more supportive of the 223 project that there has been so far.

USRMA Meeting, Thur, August 15: Lee Secrist, Steve Jones, chairman Norm Nelson and Union Station director Damen Burnham were present. There was a long discussion concerning the 223 project. Burnham, as a city employee, is insistent that the Golden Spike Chapter accept the City's occupancy agreement which we have rejected. Steve and

Damen had a lengthy discussion and perhaps there can be a compromise at some point but nothing definite has been decided.

Maurice Greeson discussed our situation regarding our incorporation with the State of Utah. Apparently this has lapsed without out notice and we are not sure whether it is worth continuing this status with the State considering the status of the 223 issue. Maurice is not sure of what the cost would be to re-instate.

A questions was raised if we should contact Bob Holzweis about the necessity of being incorporated, is the National R&LHS incorporated and what about D & O liability insurance.

Our general discussion raised some questions as to the viability of our chapter as we approach year's end. If the 223 situation has not been resolved and the State of Utah decides to make the 223 a static display in a new history museum in Salt Lake City, then our raison d'être ceases. Our initial charge in 1991 was to restore the 223 to operating condition. If the State decides to take a different approach, then we are no longer obligated to continue. We need to have some serious discussions within our Chapter membership about these questions.

Golden Spike Chapter visits the Rio Tinto/Kennecott Copper Mine

On July 27th, several members of the Chapter, toured the copper mine located at Bingham Canyon southwest of Salt Lake City. Joshua Bernhard had made reservations for our group. The cost was \$5 each.

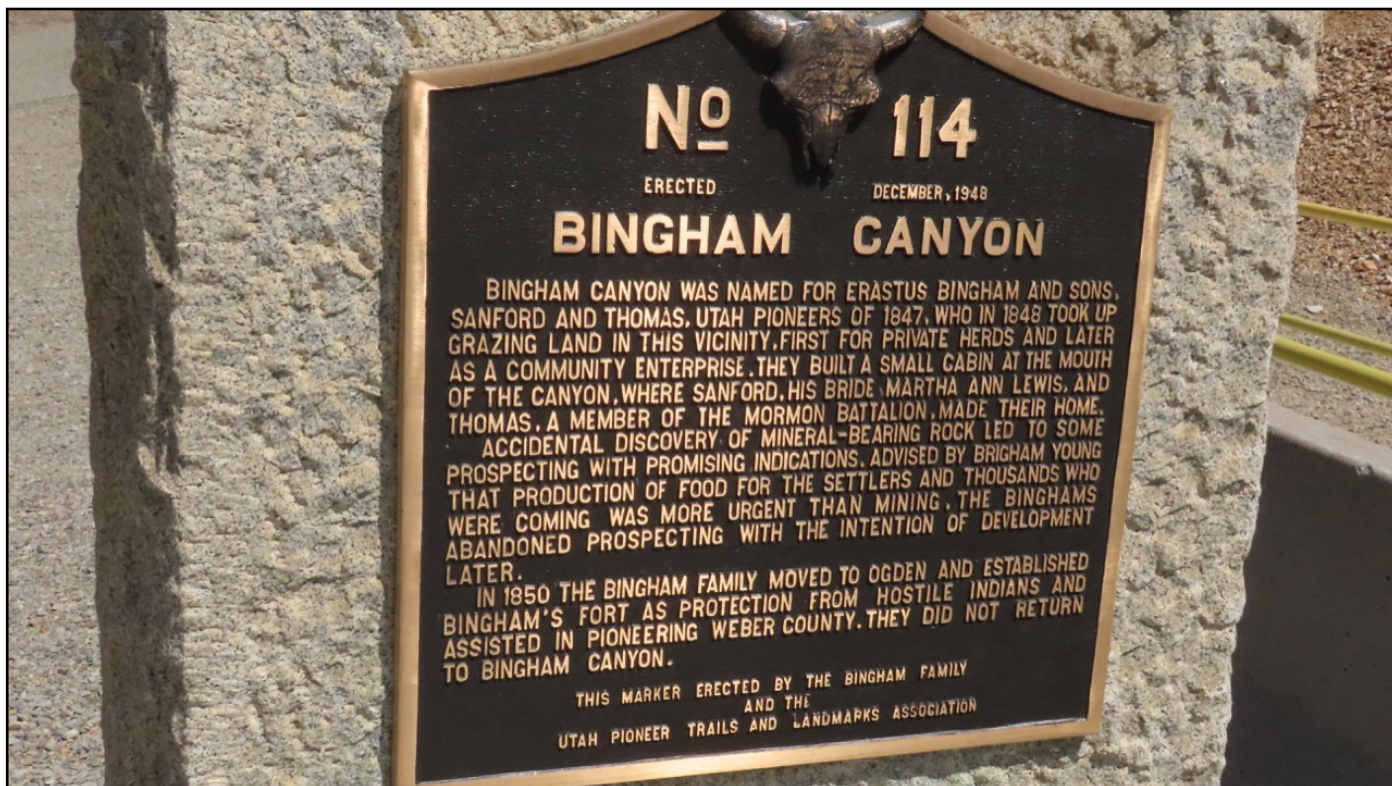
We boarded and shuttle bus that took us from the

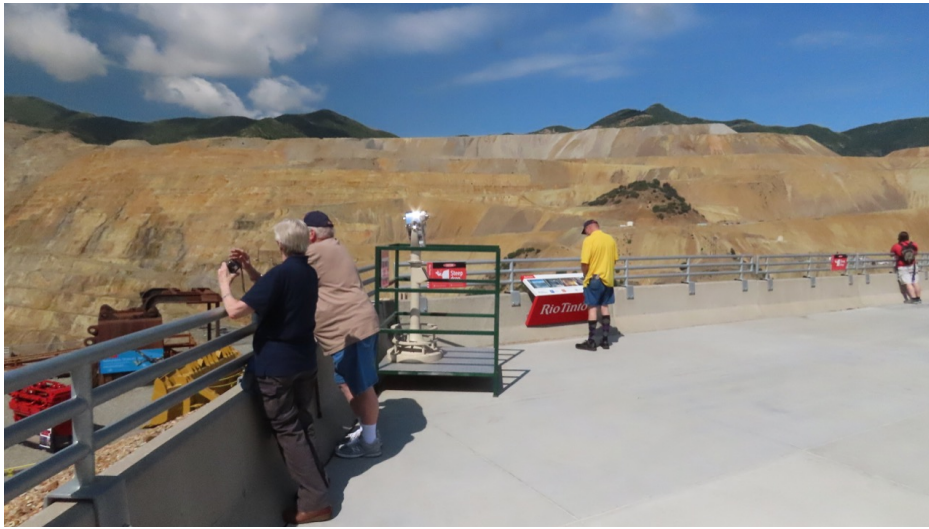


visitors parking area up to the new viewing facility at the top of the huge open pit mine.

We spent about 90 minutes at the viewing area marveling at the scope of this man made excavation site.

Shuttle busses ran continually every 30 minutes taking visitors back down to the parking area.





Slim Jolley, Lee Secrist and Steve Jones enjoying the view

Huge trucks, the size of a two story house, carry ore to the conveyor belts leading to the crushing and processing facility.

